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APPROPRIATE ADDRESSEES PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : ENRG OPEC US QA

SUBJECT : AMIR OF QATAR'S VIEWS ON US ENERGY POLICY

1. DURING FEB 11 CONVERSATION, I ASKED AMIR OF QATAR, SHAYKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI, FOR HIS REACTION TO US ENERGY POLICY AS RECENTLY ARTICULATED IN SECRETARY'S FEB 3 SPEECH AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB.

2. AMIR, WHO DOES NOT CONCERN HIMSELF WITH TECHNICAL DETAILS
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OF OIL POLICY, RESPONDED THAT HE FOUND SECRETARY'S SPEECH

CONSTRUCTIVE AND PROPOSALS CAREFULLY WORKED OUT. RE FLOOR PRICE FOR OIL, HE SAID THAT HE, DURING HIS TIME AS MINISTER OF OIL AND FINANCE, HAD ADVOCATED THE FIXING OF A LONG-TERM PRICE SO THAT BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS COULD PLAN ON RATIONAL BASIS. HOWEVER, ACCORDING KHALIFA, PRICE LEVEL WAS A DIFFICULT QUESTION WHICH WOULD TAKE MUCH WORKING OUT. HE SAID THAT INDEXING OF A NUMBER OF COMMODITIES WITH OIL PRICE WOULD HAVE TO BE A FACTOR IN ARRIVING AT FLOOR OR OTHER FIXED LONG-TERM PRICE.

3. AMIR EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS FINALLY MOVING TOWARD CONFERENCE WHICH HE HAD LONG ADVOCATED AS ONLY SENSIBLE WAY TO DEAL WITH PRESENT DISLOCATIONS IN WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER. HE ACKNOWLEDGED MY POINT THAT CAREFUL PREPARATIONS ON BOTH CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PARTS WERE ESSENTIAL TO CONFERENCE SUCCESS AND HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT FORTHCOMING OPEC SUMMIT WOULD BE MODERATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE, AS HAD BEEN OPEC FOREIGN AND OIL MINISTERS' MEETING, IN PREPARING PRODUCERS' POSITIONS.

4. I SAID THAT THERE WERE SOME INDICATIONS THAT PROPOSED PRODUCER/CONSUMER MEETING WOULD TRY TO DEAL BROADEST RANGE OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING WORLD AND CAUTIONED THAT THIS COULD VITIATE CENTRAL PURPOSE OF MEETING TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE WORLD ENERGY PROBLEM. AMIR REMARKED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE PRODUCER/CONSUMER MEETING COULD DEAL WITH OIL IN ISOLATION, BUT HE AGREED THAT CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DETERIORATE INTO SLANGING MATCH BETWEEN HAVES AND HAVE-NOTS.
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